Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—(a) Yes.

(b) The pay of an Assistant Surgeon on the grade of Rs. 125—200.

(c) Not possible. The amount gained is being used for medical relief works.

Mental Hospital—insufficiency of accommodation.

310. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there is any truth in the following statement which appeared in the Keralan of the 8th September last:— "ഭ്രാന്താസ്പത്രിയിൽ ഒരു മുറിയിൽ അഞ്ചും ആറും രോഗികളെ പൂട്ടി അന്യോന്യം കടിക്കാനും അടിക്കാനും ഇടവരുത്തുന്നതു കഷ്ടമല്ലെ";

(2) what is the present number of the inmates of the Mental Hospital and how many rooms are there in the hospital to accommodate the patients;

(3) what steps do Government propose to take to relieve the congestion in the Mental Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) In the female block, on account of the scarcity of single rooms, 4 and 5 patients are accommodated in each room but only after studying the condition and temperament of the patients. They are so grouped as to prevent assault and fight. So the latter part of the statement is not true.

(2) 52 rooms and 116 inmates at present.

(3) Orders have been passed to construct single cells.

Rural dispensaries—average daily attendance of patients.

311. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the average daily attendance of patients in each of the rural dispensaries in the last three years?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

	1108.	1109.	1110.
Tattamangalam	16·69	32·72	29·97
Chelakkara	25·0	28·0	35·0
Pattikad	32·2	35.1	26·0
Velur	20·58	29.19	29·74
Cherpu	25·0	23·0	26·5

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Malayattur	13·0	15·0	18·0
Chendamangalam	20·53	34·16	34.59
Kumbalangi	29·0	13·0	13·0
Kallettinkara	12·95	18.31	15·89
Pazhanji	21·0	23.8	24·1
Cheruthuruthy	11·0	12·55	12·92
Kumbalam	9·0	10·0	10·38
Vadavukode	16.8	18·6	16·9
Ollur	27·8	30·6	42·21
Trikkur	10·2	8·4	17.39
Elanad	...	...	9·2
Varandarapilly	...	...	36·0

Office of the Comptroller of Accounts—shifting of.

312. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when was the office of the Comptroller of Accounts first shifted to Trichur and why;

(b) for how long was that office in Trichur before it was taken to Ernakulam again;

(c) how long was the same at Ernakulam;

(d) for how long has it been at Trichur now;

(e) how much did it cost the Government for shifting that office to Trichur from Ernakulam last time;

(f) what fresh investments or expenditures the Government have to incur on account of the proposed transfer;

(g) when did the Government decide, if they have decided, the shifting of this office back to Ernakulam?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) In Meenam, 1083. Presumably to locate the office near the Diwan's residence which was at Trichur then.

(b) For about 15 years, i. e., till the 15th Kanni 1098.

(c) For over 10 years, i. e., till the end of Dhanu 1108.

(d) About 3 years.

(e) Rs. 1,037.

(f) The expenditure that may be required for transferring the office back to Ernakulam will be about the same amount as in (e) or probably a little more.

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